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Presented for filing is a new continuation-in-part patent application of:

Applicant: PATRICK S. SCHNABLE, FENG LIU AND YAN FU

Title: NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING MULTIPLE START  
CODONS AND HISTIDINE TAGS

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date  
under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	37
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Abstract	1
Declaration	[To be Filed at a Later Date]
Drawing(s)	7

Enclosures:

- Application Cover Sheet (1 page); and
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation-in-part (and claims the benefit of priority under  
35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/732,990, filed December 8, 2000,  
which claims priority to U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/169,725. The

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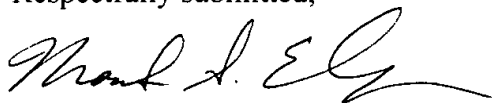
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